

educational needs of children and youth who give evidence of high performance capability in areas such as intellectual, creative, artistic, or leadership capacity, or in specific academic fields, and who require services or activities not ordinarily provided by the school in order to fully develop such capabilities;

- Contributes to increasing the capacity of educational systems to provide all students with equal opportunities to learn to high standards and achieve educational success;

- Uses research methods in at least some of its studies that involve advanced or innovative quantitative or qualitative techniques of sampling, data gathering, conceptualization and measurement of variables, data analyses, and interdisciplinary perspectives;

- Conducts one or more definitive research studies that have national implications and that will inform policy or practice across the nation; i.e., use large representative samples and rigorous scientific techniques that preclude biased results and support generalizable, replicable findings concerning the education of sizable populations of children or youth;

- Includes research and development activities related to the following topics:

- (a) Identifying, teaching, and serving gifted and talented students;

- (b) Improving the education of gifted and talented students who may not be identified and served through traditional assessment methods and programs, (including economically disadvantaged individuals, individuals of limited-English proficiency, and individuals with disabilities);

- (c) Using knowledge and experience gained in developing and implementing gifted and talented programs and methods to serve all students; and

- (d) Understanding the effects of gifted education programs on the educational achievement of students schoolwide; and

- Documents, reports, and disseminates its research activities in ways that will allow others to use the research results.

Proposed Selection Criteria

The Secretary proposes not to use the selection criteria set forth in the Javits Gifted and Talented Program regulations, 34 CFR 791.21. The Secretary proposes to use selection criteria set forth in this notice to evaluate an application for the center award. The proposed criteria are consistent with the provisions of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination and Improvement Act of 1994.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary plans to use the following selection criteria to evaluate applications when a competition is announced. The maximum score for all these criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(a) *Research Mission and Technical Soundness.* (40 points)

The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality and significance of the center's overall research agenda, definitive study or studies, and other individual research projects, including—

- (1) The coherence, significance, and technical merits of the center's research projects and agenda, in the context of the current state of the field; and

- (2) The importance, quality of design and methodological rigor of the center's definitive study or studies.

(b) *Personnel.* (30 points)

The Secretary reviews each application to determine the qualifications and time commitments of the center's personnel, including—

- (1) The time commitment, experiences, and expertise of the primary researchers enabling them to achieve the center's mission; and

- (2) The qualifications of the Director and support staff, and whether they will commit at least a majority of their time to center activities.

(c) *Institutional Arrangements.* (30 points)

The Secretary reviews each application to evaluate the capacity of the center's institutional structure and arrangements to support the center's projects and objectives, including—

- (1) The center's ability to respond to and provide leadership for those who can use or benefit from the center's research;

- (2) The center's plans to support, monitor, and complete research projects that meet the highest standards of professional excellence; and

- (3) The center's ability to disseminate useful research findings and other information to appropriate audiences in ways that will maximize the benefits of its work.

PROPOSED POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS: The Secretary proposes the following post-award requirements consistent with the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination and Improvement Act of 1994. A grantee receiving a center award shall—

- (a) Provide OERI with information about center projects and products and other appropriate research information so that OERI can monitor center progress and maintain its inventory of

funded research projects. This information must be provided through media that include an electronic network;

- (b) Conduct and evaluate research projects in conformity to the highest professional standards of research practice; and

- (c) Reserve five percent of each budget period's funds to support activities that fall within the center's mission, are designed and mutually agreed to by both the center and OERI, and enhance OERI's ability to carry out its mission. Such activities may include developing research agendas, conducting research projects, collaborating with other federally-supported entities, and engaging in leadership and dissemination activities.

The Secretary believes that use of the proposed selection criteria will improve the quality of applications, and that the proposed post-award requirements will enhance the quality of the center's research, development, and dissemination activities.

The Secretary will announce the final priority, selection criteria, and post-award requirements in a notice in the **Federal Register**. The final priority, selection criteria and post-award requirements will be determined by responses to this notice, available funds, and other considerations of the Department. Funding of a particular project will depend on the availability of funds, the nature of the final priority, and the quality of the applications received.

Note: This notice does not solicit applications. A notice inviting applications under this competition will be published in the **Federal Register** concurrent with or following publication of the notice of final priority, selection criteria, and post-award requirements.

Program Authority: P.L. 103-382, Title X, Part B

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.206, Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act of 1994)

Dated: January 5, 1995.

Sharon P. Robinson,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Cascade River Hydro, et al; Extending Time To Comment on Draft EIS

January 6, 1995.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for 9 proposed projects in the Skagit River Basin, Washington. The Notice of Availability of the DEIS appeared in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 1994, 59 FR 61894.

In response to a letter filed by the Washington Department of Ecology, FERC is extending the comment period on the DEIS from January 30, 1995, until March 1, 1995.

Anyone wishing to comment in writing on the DEIS must do so no later than March 1, 1995. Comments should be addressed to: Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Skagit River Basin Docket No. EL85-19-119.

For further information, please contact John McEachern at (202) 219-3056.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Puget Sound Power & Light Company; Mountain Rhythum Resources; Mountain Water Resources; Watersong Resources; McGrew & Associates; McGrew, McMaster, Koch, Scott Paper Company; Notice of Extending Time To Comment on Draft EIS

January 6, 1995.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for 7 proposed projects in the Nooksack River Basin, Washington. The Notice of Availability of the DEIS appeared in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 1994, 59 FR 61894.

In response to a letter filed by the Washington Department of Ecology,

FERC is extending the comment period on the DEIS from January 30, 1995, until March 1, 1995.

Anyone wishing to comment in writing on the DEIS must do so no later than March 1, 1995. Comments should be addressed to: Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Nooksack River Basin Docket No. EL85-19-118.

For further information, please contact Tom Dean at (202) 219-2778.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 94-104-NG]

The Clean Air Fuels Corporation; Order Granting Blanket Authorization To Import and Export Natural Gas, Including Liquefied Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting The Clean Air Fuels Corporation (CAF) blanket authorization to import up to a combined total of 20 Bcf of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Canada and Mexico. In addition, CAF is authorized to export a combined total of up to 20 Bcf of natural gas, including LNG, to Canada and Mexico. This authorization to import and export natural gas and LNG from and to Canada and Mexico is for a period of two years beginning on the date of the initial import or export delivery, whichever occurs first.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fuels Programs Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on January 3, 1995.

Clifford Tomaszewski,

Director, Office of Natural Gas, Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.

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[FE Docket No. 94-105-NG]

National Steel Corporation Order Granting Blanket Authorization To Import and Export Natural Gas From and To Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting National Steel Corporation blanket authorization to import up to 125 Bcf of natural gas from Canada and to export up to 75 Bcf of natural gas to Canada. This authorization is for a period of two years beginning on the date of the initial import or export, whichever occurs first, after December 31, 1994.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fuels Programs Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on January 3, 1995.

Clifford P. Tomaszewski,

Director, Office of Natural Gas, Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.

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[Project No. 11075-001 Idaho]

Grand View Irrigation District, Ltd., Surrender of Preliminary Permit

January 6, 1995.

Take notice that Grand View Irrigation District, Ltd., Permittee for the Grand View Project No. 11075, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The preliminary permit for Project No. 11075 was issued January 23, 1992, and would have expired December 31, 1995. The project would have been located on the Grand View Irrigation District's canal, off C.J. Strike reservoir, in Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Permittee filed the request on December 12, 1994, and the preliminary permit for Project No. 11075 would have expired on December 31, 1994. Since there is less than 30 days remaining in the permit's maximum term, the permit shall remain in effect through Friday, December 30, 1994. New applications involving this project site, to the extent